

WIRELESS PORTABLE INPUT DEVICE AND RECEIVER OF THE SAME

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. The field of the invention

[0001] The present invention provides a wireless portable input device and a
5 receiver of the same, and more particularly relates to an input device for transmitting
inputted signal to the receiver, and the receiver can be stored and positioned by a
buckling portion of the input device when not in use.

2. Description of the related art

[0002] In recent years, the most common input means of computers are keyboard
10 and mouse, wherein the mouse has successfully replaced the direction keys of the
keyboard to move the cursor, and therefore the mouse has become an indispensable input
device for a computer and many software programs are executable only through the
mouse. There are two types of mouse in the market, namely mechanical and optical. The
former functions through the rolling ball for transmitting the ordinate signals based on the
15 degree of rolling and direction to the computer. The latter is based on the concept of light
reflection for transmitting ordinate signals based on the distance and direction.
Accompanying with the advanced computer technology, the mouse has been modified
from wired to wireless and for the convenience of carriage and application in notebook or
other computer devices overcoming the inconvenience provided by the conventional
20 wired input devices. The idea of wireless control concept has also been applied in other
input devices, such as keyboard, joystick and digitizer and the like. The above-mentioned
wireless input devices have a receiver connected to the computer and being powered by a
battery (as shown in FIG. 8). The input device is operated by the battery power to

transmit the inputted signals to the receiver. However, the above conventional wireless input device has several defects as described below.

[0003] The receiver needs to be connected to the motherboard of the computer constantly, and therefore it occupies a certain space even when not in use. Although
5 when the receiver is being detached from the computer, the space required for storing the receiver causes considerable inconvenience to the user. Due its bulky size, leads to increased manufacturing cost.

[0004] The conventional wireless input device either in use or not in use states, the two-piece design usually cause inconvenience to the user in view of carriage or storage
10 thereof and even inconvenience caused due to misplacement or damage of the receiver due to the external force.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] Accordingly, in the view of the foregoing, the present inventor makes a detailed study of related art to evaluate and consider, and uses years of accumulated
15 experience in this field, and through several experiments, to create a new wireless input device and a receiver for the same suitable to apply in computers. The present invention provides an innovated cost effective wireless portable input device and a receiver of the same for use in computers.

[0006] One object of the present invention is to provide a wireless portable input
20 device and a receiver of the same, which input device is capable of storing the receiver therewithin. The receiver can be detached from the motherboard and stored within a receiving chamber of the input device when not in use. The receiver is rotatably mounted on the computer and is designed such that it can be stored within the input device in a

first space therewithin when not in use. With the buckling portion formed axially within a second space of the input device the receiver can be positioned therein so that the space occupation can be substantially reduced and also the receiver and the input device of the present invention can be easily assembled.

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[0007] According to an aspect of the present invention, after the receiving portion of the receiver is positioned within the slot of the adaptor, the buckling portion formed in the slot can support the receiving portion for buckling within the groove of the receiving portion for positioning.

10 [0008] According to another aspect of the present invention, when the receiver is completely fitted into the first space of the base, the protruded pillar of the adaptor presses on the fine adjustment switch of the circuit board to switch off the power supply so that the power consumption can be effectively reduced.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

15 [0009] For a more complete understanding of the present invention, reference will now be made to the following detailed description of preferred embodiments taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0010] Fig. 1 is an exploded view of the input device of the present invention;

[0011] Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the input device of the present invention;

20 [0012] Fig. 3 is a sectional side view showing before fitting the receiver into the input device according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0013] Fig. 3A is a sectional frontal view showing before fitting the receiver into the input device according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0014] Fig. 3B is a sectional top view showing before fitting the receiver into the adaptor according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0015] Fig. 4 is a sectional side view showing while fitting the receiver into the input device according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

5 [0016] Fig. 4A is a sectional frontal view showing while fitting the receiver into the input device according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0017] Fig. 4B is a sectional top view showing after fitting the receiver into the adaptor according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

10 [0018] Fig. 5 is a sectional side view showing after fitting the receiver into the input device according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0019] Fig. 5A is a sectional frontal view showing after fitting the receiver into the input device according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0020] Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing the application of the input device in a personal computer according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

15 [0021] Fig. 7 is a perspective view showing the application of the input device in a personal computer according to another preferred embodiment or the present invention;
and

[0022] Fig. 8 is a perspective view showing the application of a conventional input device in a personal computer.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0023] Reference will be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever

possible, the same reference numbers are used in the drawings and the description to refer to the same or like parts.

[0024] Referring to FIG. 1 and 2, respectively show an exploded and a perspective view of the input device of the present invention. The input device 1 of the present invention comprises a base 11, an adaptor 12, a buckling portion 13, a command input portion 14 and a circuit board 15.

[0025] The base 11 comprises a first space 111 and a second space 112 on one side of the first space 111. The first space 111 and the second space 112 are adjoined to each other. The first space 111 has an axial hole 1111 on the sidewall thereof and an arch-shaped guiding plate 1112 at the outer side thereof. The second space 112 has through holes 1121 on two sidewalls thereof.

[0027] The adaptor 12 has a slot 121 formed at the central region thereof, and the slot 121 has a buckling portion 1211 therewithin (as shown in fig. 3B). Protruded receiving members 122 are formed on the surface of the two sides of the adaptor 12, wherein each of the protruded receiving members 122 has a through hole 1221 penetrating axially through the protruded receiving members 122. In addition, an indentation 1222 is formed at the central region of each of the protruded receiving member 122, and the adaptor 12 also comprises a protruded pillar 123 formed on a side surface thereof.

[0028] The buckling portion 13 comprises a base 131, wherein the base 131 has a buckle 1311, and pads 132 that extend upwardly are formed on the two sides of the base 131. A horizontal protruded securing axle 1321 is at a distal end of each of the pad 132.

A protruded positioning pillar **133** is positioned on a surface of the base **131** of the buckling portion **13**.

[0029] The command input portion **14** comprises a plurality of buttons **141**.

[0030] The circuit board **15** comprises a fine adjustment switch **151**.

5 [0031] To assemble the above elements, first of all, the axle **3** covered by the resilient element **2** is fitted onto the through hole **1221** of each protruded receiving member **122** of the adaptor **12** in a manner to position the resilient element **2** into the indentation **1222** formed at the central region of each protruded receiving member **122**.

Next, the protruded receiving axle **122** formed on the surface of the two sides of the adaptor **12** is fitted into the axial hole **1111** formed on the sidewall of the first space **111** of the base **11**, so that the protruded pillar **123** of the adaptor **12** can be supported on the guiding plate **1112** formed at the outer side of the first space **111** of the base **11**, and this arrangement also allows the adaptor **12** axially rotate using the protruded receiving member **122** as an axis. The resilient element **2** is pressed to allow the rotation of the

15 adaptor **12** to be resiliently elastic. Next, the protruded securing axle **1321** formed protruded on the pad **132** of the buckling portion **13** is fitted into the through hole **1121** of the second space **112**, and then a resilient element **4** is fitted onto the protruded positioning pillar **133** of the buckling portion **13** so that the resilient element **4** presses between the bottom of the second space **112** and the base **131** of the buckling portion **13**.

20 Meanwhile, the buckle **1311** extending from the base **131** passes out of the second space **112** and remains within the first space **111**. Finally, the command input portion **14** is positioned onto the base **11** and the circuit board **15** is fitted between the base **11** and the

command input portion **14** to complete the assembly of the input device of the present invention.

[0032] Referring to FIGs. **3, 3A, 3B, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 5A, 6** and **7**, show respectively, the sectional side view showing before fitting the receiver into the input device, the
5 sectional frontal view showing before fitting the receiver into the input device, the sectional top view showing before fitting the receiver into the adaptor, the sectional side view showing while fitting the receiver into the input device, the sectional frontal view showing while fitting the receiver into the input device, the sectional top view showing after fitting the receiver into the adaptor, the sectional side view showing after fitting the
10 receiver into the input device, the sectional frontal view showing after fitting the receiver into the input device, the perspective view showing the application of the input device in a personal computer according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention, and the perspective view showing the application of the input device in a personal computer according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention. When the input
15 device **1** is not in use, the user can detach the receiver **5** from the server **6** and fit the receiving portion **51** of the receiver **5** into the slot **121** of the adaptor **12**, the buckling portion **1211** formed within the slot **121** can be buckled resiliently in the groove **511** of the receiving portion **51**. The user can move the receiver **5** inwardly to motivate the adaptor **12** to rotate using the protruded receiving member **122** as an axis, and the
20 resilient element **2** is pressed allowing the adaptor **12** to move elastically. As the receiver **5** is moved further, the surface of the receiver **5** will be supported at the buckle **1311** of the buckling portion **13**, at the same time makes the buckling portion **13** to have a resilient biasing motion using the protruded securing axle **1321** as an axis. After the

receiver 5 is fitted in the first space 111 of the base 11, the protruded pillar 123 of the adaptor 12 presses onto the fine adjustment switch 151 of the circuit board 15 to cut the power supply, and the buckling portion 13 will return to the original position due to the elasticity of the resilient element 4 using the protruded securing axle 1321 as an axis.

5 Thus, the buckle 1311 of the buckling portion 13 is for securely positioning on the surface of the receiver 5. Accordingly, the embodiment of the present invention depicted above can substantially reduce the power consumption, has the advantages of easy storage, less space occupation and for securely positioning the receiver.

[0033] When the user intends to reuse the input device 1, all the user needs to do is
10 to press the buckling portion 13 to have a resilient biasing motion using the protruded securing axle 1321 as an axis. At the same time the buckle 1311 of the buckling portion 13 can be released from the receiver 5. Next, the adaptor 12 is rotated axially aided by the elasticity of the resilient element 2 using the protruded receiving member 122 as an axis. Meanwhile the protruded pillar 123 of the adaptor 12 is released from the fine
15 adjustment switch 151 of the circuit board 15 and thereby restoring power. The receiver 5 accordingly released from the first space 111 of the base 11, so that the user can remove the receiver 5 from the slot 121 of the adaptor 12 and fit into the connector port 61 of the server 6 for executing inputted commands.

Accordingly, the concept of the wireless portable input device of the present
20 invention having storable means for storing the receiver described above can be suitably applied in various input devices, such as mouse, keyboard, joystick and the like. Therefore, even though a mouse is used to describe the best mode of the present

invention, accordingly, it is intended to embrace all such alternatives, modifications, and variations in which fall within the spirit and scope of the included claims.

[0034] The advantages of the present invention are as following:

1. When the input device **1** is not in use, the receiver **5** can be detached from the server **6** and fitted into the adaptor **12**. Next, the adaptor **12** is rotated in a manner to store the receiver **5** in the first space **111**, wherein the buckling portion **13** formed in the second space **112** securely positions the receiver **5** so that the space occupation can be effectively reduced, and also assembly of the receiver and the input device can be easily achieved.

2. By fitting the receiving portion **51** of the receiver **5** into the slot **121** of the adaptor **12**, the buckling portion **1211** in the slot **121** buckles to the groove **511** of the receiving portion **51** for securely positioning.

3. When the receiver **5** completely is stored in the first space **111** of the base **11**, the protruded pillar **123** of the adaptor **12** presses against the fine adjustment switch **151** of the circuit board **15** to cut the power supply so that the power consumption can substantially reduced.

[0035] While the invention has been described in conjunction with a specific best mode, it is to be understood that many alternatives, modifications, and variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art in light of the foregoing description. Accordingly, it is intended to embrace all such alternatives, modifications, and variations in which fall within the spirit and scope of the included claims. All matters set forth herein or shown in the accompanying drawings are to be interpreted in an illustrative and non-limiting sense.